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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/000,413	Applicant(s) BACHELDER, IVAN	
	Examiner Sheela C Chawan	Art Unit 2625	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,9,10 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8,11-14 and 16-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Oath/Declaration

1. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. The oath or declaration is defective because: **missing inventor's signature.**

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because of draftperson's remarks (see attached PTO-948, 8/30/04). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 9,10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sarachik (US.6,459,820 B1).

The applied reference has a common (assignee, need to fill out same inventor or common assignee) with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

As per claim 1, Sarachik discloses a method of gauging entities in an image comprising the steps of (abstract, column 2, lines 10- 18):

constructing a model data structure (geometric model corresponds to model, fig 2, element 22A, column 2, lines 53- 55);

identifying a set of gauge entities in said model (column 2, lines 52- 56);

automatically configuring sub-models according to the stability of features in said sub-models for computing position of each of said gauge entities (fig 3, shows computing position on each of the found submodels, column 2, lines 55-67);

locating said sub-models in said image (column 2, lines 55- 62);
computing positions of each of said gauge entities by reference to locations of
located sub-models (fig 3, shows computing position on each of the found
submodels, column 2, lines 55-67); and
determining the spatial relationship between said gauge entities (fig 5b, column
3, lines 1-14).

As to claims 2 and 10, Sarachik discloses the method further comprising the step
of assessing said spatial relationships for compliance with preselected tolerances.

As per claim 9, claim 9 recites similar limitation as claim 1 above and similarly
analyzed except for the step of an image acquisition device as taught by Sarachik (fig 2,
element 22A provides the input image, column 2, lines 50- 55).

As to claim 15, see the rejection of claim 9.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-6,7-8, 16-18, 11-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a
rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all
of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Other prior art cited

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Chiu et al., (US. 5,995,652)discloses pattern searching method using neural networks and correlation.

Lipson et al. (US.5,963,670) discloses method and apparatus for classifying and identifying images.

Robotham et al. (US.6, 160,907) discloses iterative three-dimensional process for creating finished media content.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela C Chawan whose telephone number is 703-305-4876. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6 - 7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 703-308-5246. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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